

LEA Grant Update

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What is the Federal Government Doing to Aid Hurricane Katrina Displaced Students?

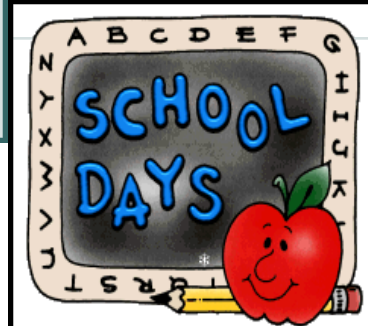
The State Grants Management Section receives calls daily from teachers and school boards asking about federal funding to help subsidize the extra costs resulting from enrolling displaced students. According to the U.S. Department of Education, more than 300,000 K-12 students have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Bush administration presented a proposal to Congress that would provide up to \$7,500 per displaced student. These funds would go directly to receiving schools. President Bush wants Congress to approve up to \$1.9 billion

to cover 90 percent of the tab for educating nearly 372,000 displaced students, an unprecedented federal share.

A disproportionately high number of affected children attended private schools. However, Secretary Spellings said that up to \$7,500 could be used for each displaced student -- regardless of what type of school students want to attend or whether they were in a private school before the storm. Funding would assist in paying for the increased costs not in budgets at the start of the school year--including teacher salaries, transportation,

materials and equipment, special services for children with disabilities, supplemental educational services, and counseling.

If your school is serving students displaced by the hurricane, and if you need books, clothes or other supplies, please post your needs at the web site below. The name of your school, its address, and what you need will be posted on the See What Schools Need page. Please go to <http://hurricanehelpforschools.gov/> to submit this information.



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Hurricane Help Classroom Grant, HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) established a special fund to provide needed teaching materials to those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Eligibility: K-12 teachers in hurricane affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama and K-12 teachers who accepted students from these areas are eligible to apply for up to \$400 in classroom grants. **The on-line application process requires the applicant to join the organization.** AIAA Educator Associate memberships are **free** and provide a multi-

tude of benefits. Funds may be used for math or science classroom supplies or educational textbooks. Grants will be considered quickly and applicants notified within 3 weeks.

Application deadline: Ongoing

Website: <http://www.aiaa.org/katrina>





Grant Title: Research Experiences for Teachers Program

Organization: National Science Foundation (NSF)

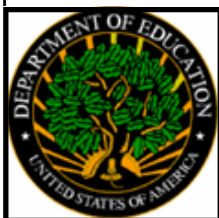
Eligibility: K-12 teachers and community college faculty

Amount: Up to \$10,000 per teacher annually

Deadline: October 11, 2005

The Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) program supports the active involvement of K-12 teachers and community college faculty in engineering research in order to bring knowledge of engineering and technological innovation into their classrooms. This announcement features two mechanisms for support of in-service and pre-service K-12 teachers and/or community college faculty research: RET Supplements and RET Sites. Contact Mary F. Poats, (703) 292-8380 for more information.

Website: http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf03554



Grant Title: Technology and Media Services for Individuals With Disabilities: Steppingstones of Technology Innovation for

Children with Disabilities

Organization: U.S. Department of Education

Eligibility: Public schools and educational agencies

Amount: Six awards of up to \$200,000 and \$300,000 each

Deadline: October 18, 2005

The purpose of this program is to improve results for children with disabilities by promoting the devel-

opment, demonstration, and use of technology to support educational media services activities designed to be of educational value in the classroom setting to children with disabilities, and providing support for captioning and video description that is appropriate for use in the classroom setting. See the web site for additional eligibility and guidelines.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2005-3/090105a.html>



Grant Title: Grammy Signature Schools Program

Organization: Grammy Foundation

Eligibility: School music departments demonstrating financial need

Amount: Up to \$25,000

Deadline: October 22, 2005

The Grammy Signature Schools program annually honors exceptional public high school music programs across the United States. The successful applicant will provide a creative and/or innovative strategy that resolves a department-wide need or challenge and a description of how a one-time infusion of cash can provide such a resolution. The application also should indicate how the funds will improve the quality of the school music program to a level to compete for Grammy Signature Schools status.

Website: <http://www.grammy.com/foundation/index.aspx>



Grant Title: Outdoor Classroom Grant Program

Mission: To provide outdoor, hands-on science education to students in

grades K-12 and assist schools in enhancing their core curriculum in all subjects.

Eligibility: All K-12 public schools in the United States (excluding Puerto Rico) are welcome to apply.

Amount: This school year, the program will award grants up to \$2,000 to at least 100 schools. In some cases, grants for up to \$20,000 may be awarded to schools or school districts with major outdoor classroom projects. The grants can be used to build a new outdoor classroom or to enhance a current outdoor classroom at the school.

Deadline: Rolling

Website: <http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLowes/outdoor/apply1.html>



Grant Title: Nickelodeon Announces Giveaway Program to Encourage Healthy Play.

Purpose: Children's television network Nickelodeon will distribute more than \$1 million from September 2005 to June 2006. The "Let's Just Play" Giveaway offers kids around the United States the opportunity to take action and submit an application for a chance to improve their school's or community's fitness resources.

Maximum Award: \$5000.

Eligibility: Kids (6-15 years of age), partnering with teachers and other community-based leaders.

Deadline: Rolling, until May 31, 2006.

Website: http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/

CPB

The American History and Civics Initiative represents a major commitment by the **Corporation for Public Broadcasting** to address critical shortfalls in middle and high school students' knowledge of American history, the U.S. political system, and their roles as citizens.

CPB expects to award a relatively small number of larger grants and intends to commit \$20 million through the program over the next three years. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, generally in three phases. In Phase 1, Research and Development (R&D), CPB estimates it will award ten to twelve grants in the \$50,000 to \$250,000 range. Any public or private, nonprofit, **educational**, or commercial entity is eligible to apply for a R&D grant as a "Managing Partner" under the terms of the Request for Proposals. Likewise, any public or private, nonprofit, educational, or commercial entity is eligible to serve as a subordinate "Key Partner" in a proposal. CPB welcomes commercial investment in the initiative.

Deadline: November 1, 2005.

Website: <http://www.cpb.org/index.html>



The purpose of the Teacher Professional Development Grant is to support professional development to improve the competence in the teaching of mathematics of one or more full-time classroom teachers. For 2006–2007, grants of a **maximum of \$3,000** will be awarded to persons currently teaching at the grades K–12 level. The proposal must delineate the profes-

sional development plan and address how the proposed project will improve the teacher's competence and affect students' learning. Recipients must have three or more years of teaching experience in grades K–5.

The applicant must be a current NCTM member or teach at a school with a current **K–8 NCTM school membership**. Activities are to be completed between June 1, 2006, and May 31, 2007.

Deadline: November 4, 2005.

Website: <http://www.nctm.org/about/met/duncan.htm>



Grant Title: Presidential Award for Reading and Technology
Organization: International Reading Association

Eligibility: K-12 educators, U.S. and internationally

Amount: \$48,000 total

Deadline: November 15, 2005

The Presidential Award for Reading and Technology honors educators in grades K-12 who are making an outstanding and innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education. The award is sponsored by PLATO Learning and is presented at the International Reading Association's (IRA) annual convention. There will be one grand-prize winner, seven U.S. regional winners (Southeast, Plains, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, West, East, and Great Lakes), one Canadian, and one international winner. To enter, the applicant must write a description of the ways he or she has used technology to improve the reading and literacy skills of the students in his or her school. The pro-

gram description must include a broad overview of the program and its goals, student population, technologies used, learning activities performed by the students, and the results achieved. The description should be no more than three pages. No videos, CD-ROMS, other media, photographs, or other materials of any kind may be submitted. The grand-prize award is \$1,000, plus up to \$2,000 expenses to attend the IRA convention. The nine additional winners will each receive a prize of \$500. All entrants must be educators who work directly with students ages 5-18 for all or part of the working day. Completed entries must be received by November 15.

Website: <http://www.reading.org/association/awards/teacherspresidential.htm>



Home Depot is offering the "Youth Garden Grants Program" to fund 150 child-centered, out-

door garden programs. Projects will receive Home Depot gift cards. Program emphasis is on education, plant-to-food connections, environmental awareness, entrepreneurship, or social aspects of gardening.

Maximum Award: \$500 gift cards for the purchase of gardening **materials and supplies**.

Eligibility: Schools, youth groups, community centers, camps, clubs, treatment facilities, and intergenerational groups throughout the United States. Applicants must plan to garden in 2006 with at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 years.

Deadline: November 30, 2005.

Website: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/grants.asp>

Aerospace Education Foundation

Grant Title: AEF Educator Grant Program

Organization: Aerospace Education Foundation

Eligibility: K-12 educators

Amount: \$250

Deadline: November 15, 2005

The Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Educator Grant Program is designed to promote aerospace education activities in kindergarten through 12th-grade classrooms where no support for such activities is currently available. The program encourages the development of innovative aerospace activities within the prescribed curriculum. It also encourages establishing an active relationship between school and their local Air Force Association organization. Applicants may apply once every 12 months, and schools may receive up to two grants per year.

Website: <http://www.aef.org/aid/educator.pdf>



Grant Title: Mathematics and Science--Special Education Research

Organization: U.S. Department of Education's Institute for

Education Sciences

Eligibility: State education agencies, institutions of higher education, local education agencies, or nonprofit organizations

Amount: \$100,000 to \$1,200,000 per year, per award

Deadline: November 17, 2005

The Institute for Education Sciences intends for this program to fulfill five goals: (1) identifying curriculum and instructional practices that are potentially effective for improving math or science outcomes for students with disabilities or those at high risk for

disabilities, as well as mediators and moderators of the effects of these practices; (2) developing new interventions and approaches to math and science education for students with disabilities or those at high risk for disabilities that will eventually result in improving math and science achievement; (3) establishing the efficacy of existing interventions and approaches to math and science education for these students; (4) providing evidence on the effectiveness of math and science interventions implemented at scale; and (5) developing and validating assessments for math and science learning. Mathematics interventions may be for students from kindergarten through adult education; science interventions may be for students from kindergarten through high school. The long-term outcome of this program will be an array of tools and strategies (e.g., curricula, programs) that have been demonstrated to be effective for improving math and science learning and achievement. The number of awards made under each competition will depend upon the quality of the applications received.

Website: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ies/programs.html>



Grant Title: National Schools of Character Awards Program

Organization: Character Education Partnership

Eligibility: K-12 schools and districts

Amount: \$2,000 per award

Deadline: December 5, 2005

The ninth annual National Schools of Character awards program recognizes K-12 schools and districts that demonstrate outstanding character-education initiatives that yield posi-

tive results in student behavior, school climate, and academic performance. Although winners may differ in method, content, and scope, all emphasize core ethical values such as honesty, respect, responsibility, and caring. Applicants are encouraged to look at the criteria "Character Education Quality Standards" to determine whether they might qualify. Selected schools and districts receive a cash award of \$2,000, national recognition, and a featured position in the Character Education Partnership's "National Schools of Character" publication.

Website: <http://www.character.org/eventsawards/nsoc>



Grant Title: Ready to Learn Initiative.

Deadline: Ongoing

Eligibility: Non-Profits (LEAs must partner with non-profits in their communities)

Amount: Over \$200,000 must be approved by trustees.

Supports

- **Education reform efforts** that strengthen public education at the elementary school level
- **Early childhood care** and education initiatives, with an emphasis on programs that support professional development for pre-kindergarten through third-grade teachers or create model classrooms.
- **Strategies to improve literacy** that address professional development for teachers, family literacy programs or literacy in the early years.

Website:

http://www.prudential.com/media/managed/C0356_application.pdf



Grant Title: EXPO Classroom Make-over Contest

Organization: EXPO Markers

Eligibility: Students in grades 4-8

Amount: \$10,000 including EXPO products and a computer

Deadline: December 15, 2005

Students should submit online essays of up to 100 words describing how their teacher makes learning fun. Whether they write about a teacher who dances and sings, or just offers creative solutions to problems, all entries are welcome. The classes represented by the five grand-prize winners each will receive a classroom make-over.

Website:

<http://www.expomarkers.com>



Grant Title: Engaging Kids to Learn Grant

Organization: eInstruction Corp.

Eligibility: Any educator may apply

Amount: Approximately \$112,000 in total equipment

Deadline: December 31, 2005

eInstruction Corp. has announced its second annual Engaging Kids to Learn Grant program that awards 36 Classroom Performance Systems (CPS) to educators worldwide. The award will consist of one CPS that includes 32 interactive wireless response pads for students and CPS Chalkboard software. Any educator may apply, whether already a CPS user or just learning about the system.

Website:

<http://www.einstruction.com/>



Grant Title: SANS 2005 Sony Virtuoso Education Grant Program

Organization: SANS Inc.

Eligibility: Middle schools, junior high schools, high schools, and colleges and universities in the U.S. and Canada

Amount: Sony Virtuoso Digital Language Lab or Virtuoso ASL

Deadline: December 31, 2005

Through its 2005 Sony Virtuoso Education Grant Program, SANS Inc. will give away a Sony Virtuoso Digital Language Lab (\$50,000 value) to an eligible public or private school. The applicant who most clearly and creatively explains how selected features or functions of the Sony Digital Language Learning System will have a significant positive impact on its language programs will receive the grant.

Website: <http://www.sansinc.com/grant/>



Grant Title: Toyota Tapestry Grants for Teachers

Organization: National Science Teachers Association

Eligibility: K-12 Teachers of science. Middle and high school science teachers must teach at least two science classes per day. Elementary teachers must teach some science in the classroom or work as teaching specialists.

Amount: Fifty one-year grants of up to \$10,000 will be awarded and 20 mini-grants of up to \$2,500 each will be awarded for the 2006 competition.

Deadline: January 19, 2006

Toyota Tapestry grants will be awarded in three categories:

- environmental science education
- physical science applications
- literacy and science education.

Website:

<http://www.nsta.org/programs/tapestry/program.htm>



Grant Title: Allstate Foundation Grants

Organization: The Allstate Foundation

Eligibility: Schools and nonprofits

Amount: Up to \$10,000

The Allstate Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations, including public K-12 schools, for projects that are related to automobile and highway safety, homes and neighborhoods, and personal safety and security. Under the personal safety and security initiative, programs that raise awareness of poverty, child abuse, drugs, and violence prevention are eligible for consideration. Applicants should offer safeguards against gangs, guns, sexual harassment, and domestic violence.

Amount: Grants typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000. There are no deadlines.

Email: allfound@allstate.com

Website: <http://www.allstate.com/foundation>

National Education Association (NEA) Foundation **-- Read Across America** **Library Books Awards**

The NEA Foundation will make awards to public schools serving economically disadvantaged students to purchase books for school libraries.

Eligibility: Pre-K-12 Teachers who teach at a school with at least 40% of kids qualifying for the free or reduced-price lunch program.

Deadline: February 1, 2006

Amount: 36 awards of \$5,000 each.

Website: <http://www.neafoundation.org/grants.htm>



The Verizon Foundation reviews unsolicited proposals on a continuous

calendar-year basis from **January 1 through November 30**. In 2004, Verizon Foundation awarded more than **26,500 grants totaling \$71,400,000** to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas: Verizon Reads (Literacy), Verizon Connects (Technology), and Verizon Wireless HopeLine (Domestic Violence Prevention).

Proposals will be considered from elementary and secondary schools (public and private) that are registered with the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), as well as eligible tax-exempt organizations in certain 501(c)(3) subsections as defined by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To find out more information and to apply online, please visit <http://foundation.verizon.com/>.

Does your School Board Have a DUNS and CCR Number?



In order to apply for a federal grant, the applicant needs to have a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. A Central Contractor Registration (CCR) number is also required for online applications. This number is required for on-line applications through www.grants.gov. You can register for these two numbers at www.ccr.gov. Click on "New Registration" in order to begin the process for both numbers.

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[Http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm](http://www.doa.state.la.us/cdbg/sgmshome.htm)

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